

California Class II UIC Program Compliance Plan – Revised Schedule (March 2)

Dates in Black – Proposed or Confirmed by DOGGR/SWRCB

Dates in Blue – Proposed by US EPA

A. Existing Injection Well Evaluations

- Complete evaluations for "Category 1" injection wells. (May 15, 2015)
- Deadline for AE applications to State for "Category 1" wells. (?)
- Complete evaluations for "Category 2" injection wells. (July 31, 2015)
- Deadline for AE applications to State for "Category 2" wells. (?)
- Complete evaluations for "Category 3" injection wells. (Feb. 15, 2016)
- Deadline for AE applications to State for "Category 3" wells. (?)

B. Aquifer Exemption Process

- Aquifer Exemption Workshops (Feb. 24 and March 24, 2015; additional dates ?)
- Submit Draft Aquifer Exemption Guidance to EPA (March 25, 2015)
- Release Aquifer Exemption Guidance (April 1, 2015)
- Deadline for submission to EPA of proposed AEs for decision by Oct. 15, 2015 (May 15, 2015)
- 90% of proposed AEs submitted to EPA for "Category 1" (date ?)
- 90% of proposed AEs submitted to EPA for "Category2" (date ?)
- 90% of proposed AEs submitted to EPA for "Category 3" (date ?)
- Final Deadline for submission to EPA of all proposed AEs for decision by Feb. 15 2017 (Sept. 30, 2016)

C. Rulemaking and Operator Compliance Deadlines

- Initiate Emergency Rulemaking - submit proposed rule to OAL (April 9, 2015)
- Final Emergency Rule – estimated completion date (April 30, 2015)
- Initiate Permanent Rulemaking (June 1, 2015)
- Shut In Deadline for wells injecting into non-exempt aquifers with TDS levels below 3,000 mg/l (October 15, 2015)*
- Final Permanent Rulemaking – estimated completion date (April 30, 2016)
- Shut In Deadline for all existing wells injecting into Non-Exempt USDWs (February 15, 2017)

* Does not include wells injecting into the 11 formations historically treated as exempt, but for which the historical and geological basis for exemption is in question.

D. Class II Program Improvements

Regulatory Revisions and Non-Regulatory Improvements

- Submit detailed plan for program improvements to EPA – include both proposed rulemaking actions and non-rulemaking steps (April 15, 2015 – or June 15-30, 2015 ?)
- Submit initial proposed regulatory revisions to OAL (starting Sept. 2016)
- Complete regulatory revisions (2018)

Searchable Well Database

- Complete FSR (Dec. 31, 2015 – move forward to Oct. 2015 ?)
- Award Database contract (2016)
- Implement database (by Feb 2017)

E. Public Communications Plan

- Aquifer Exemption Workshops (March 24, 2015; additional dates ?)
- State communications plan for 2015 (April 1, 2015)

F. Monthly Meetings

DOGGR, SWRCB and EPA meet monthly to review progress. Two business days prior to each meeting DOGGR/SWRCB provide a written update to EPA on the Compliance Plan components. (Feb. 2015 - Feb. 2017)